

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY - - OCTOBER 4, 2005 - - 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Johnson convened the Regular Meeting at 8:01 p.m. Councilmember deHaan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers Daysog, deHaan, Gilmore, Matarrese, and Mayor Johnson - 5.

Absent: None.

AGENDA CHANGES

(05-477) Mayor Johnson announced that consideration of City Attorney's Contract renewal [paragraph no. 05-484] would be continued to the October 5, 2005 Special City Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS, SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(05-478) Proclamation declaring October 16 through 22, 2005 as National Business Women's Week in Alameda.

Mayor Johnson read and presented the proclamation to Erica Neuman, Isle City of Alameda Business and Professional Women Organization.

Ms. Neuman thanked the Council for the proclamation and presented pink ribbons in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

(05-479) Proclamation declaring October 4, 2005 as Wind River Appreciation Day.

Mayor Johnson read and presented the proclamation to Jeff Loehr with Wind River.

Mr. Loehr thanked the Council for the proclamation; stated Wind River is focused on helping the community and the world at large and wants to help prepare the community for the least damage and fatalities in the event of a disaster.

(05-480) Library Project Update.

The Project Manager gave a brief project update.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember deHaan moved approval of the consent calendar.

Vice Mayor Gilmore seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous voice vote - 5.

[Items so enacted or adopted are indicated by an asterisk preceding the paragraph number.]

(*05-481) Minutes of the Special and Regular City Council Meetings held on September 20, 2005. Approved.

(*05-482) Ratified bills in the amount of \$2,049,649.49.

(*05-483) Recommendation to approve issuance of the Request for Proposals for a Materials Security and Inventory System for the Alameda Free Library. Accepted.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

(05-484) Consideration of City Attorney's Contract Renewal.
Continued to the October 5, 2005 Special City Council Meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA

(05-485) Susan Potter, Alameda, inquired on the status of rolling stores; stated that she applied for a permit to do business as an espresso truck over a year ago; all County and State health inspections have been passed; other businesses are doing what she has been told she cannot do.

Mayor Johnson stated that the issue was referred to the Planning Board.

The Assistant City Manager stated the Planning Board had a work session on the issue and was not enthusiastic with moving forward; the impacts on community neighborhoods were a concern; staff was requested to work further on the issue; stated a report will be presented to the Council.

Mayor Johnson requested that information on the Planning Board's decision be provided.

Councilmember Matarrese stated a decision needs to be made on the matter; the law needs to be enforced or changed; mobile vendors should not be allowed if the Planning Board has reservations on the concept.

Mayor Johnson inquired whether anything prevented someone from entering into an agreement with a property owner.

The Assistant City Manager responded the rolling store provisions address the use of City streets.

Councilmember Matarrese stated other people are using City streets for the very same purpose; the City needs to allow for the use of City streets or ticket the people in violation of the law.

The City Manager stated that staff would get back to the Council on the matter.

Councilmember deHaan stated that the Recreation and Park Commission was requested to review the use of public activities in parks; requested an update from the Recreation and Park Commission.

(05-486) Bill Smith, Alameda, discussed light rail and disaster preparedness.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

(05-487) Consideration of Mayor's nominations for appointment to the Civil Service Board, Commission on Disability Issues, Economic Development Commission, Historical Advisory Board, Housing and Building Code Hearing and Appeals Board, and Recreation and Park Commission.

Mayor Johnson nominated Avonnet M. Peeler to the Civil Service Board; Audrey M. Lord-Hausman to the Commission on Disability Issues; and, Janet W. Iverson to the Historical Advisory Board.

(05-488) Councilmember deHaan stated that there is an unusual, glob-like substance in the southern and eastern portion of the City; requested staff to investigate the matter.

(05-489) Mayor Johnson stated that many senior citizens are not participating in the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program because a waiver releasing the City from any liability is required; requested that staff review the matter; stated the senior citizens are willing to sign the waiver for liability during a disaster, but are not willing to sign a blanket waiver.

(05-490) Mayor Johnson stated some cities' animal shelters place pictures on the internet; people can use the internet to look for pets or look to adopt; inquired whether the internet is utilized.

The City Manager responded that staff would look into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara Weisiger
City Clerk

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY - - OCTOBER 4, 2005 - - 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Johnson convened the Special Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Present: Councilmembers Daysog, deHaan, Gilmore, Matarrese, and Mayor Johnson - 5.

Absent: None.

Public Comment

Ed Murphy, Alameda, read and submitted comments regarding the City Attorney.

The Special Meeting was adjourned to Closed Session to consider:

(05-475) Conference with Labor Negotiators - Agency Negotiators: Human Resources Director and Craig Jory; Employee Organizations: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Management and Confidential Employees Association.

(05-476) Conference with Labor Negotiators - Agency Negotiator: Arthur Hartinger/Kathy Mount of Meyers, Nave, Riback Silver and Wilson; Employee: City Attorney.

Following the Closed session, the Special Meeting was reconvened and Mayor Johnson announced that the Council discussed labor negotiations regarding the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and instructions were given to labor negotiators; and the Council discussed labor negotiations regarding the City Attorney.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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